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The President today announced his intention to nominate James Roderick Lilley, of Maryland, as Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. He succeeds Richard L. Walker.

Mr. Lilley was with the Central Intelligence Agency from 1951-1978. He served as an Officer in the following countries between 1951-1964: Japan, Taiwan, Manila, Phnom Penh, and Thailand. He became Deputy Chief of Station in Lagos in 1965, and in Hong Kong 1968-1970. Mr. Lilley was named Chief of Station in Peking from 1973-1975. He returned to Washington in 1975 as National Intelligence Officer for China. In 1978, Mr. Lilley became a Consultant for Hunt Oil Company in Dallas, Texas; Adjunct Professor of Economics (China) at the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, and a Consultant for United Technologies in Hartford, Connecticut. He served on the National Security Council Staff from February through November 1981. He was Director of the American Institute in Taiwan, Taipei, 1982-1984. From 1984-1985, he was a Consultant for Otis Elevator Company on Farmington, Connecticut, and a Consultant at the Department of Defense/International Security Agency. Since 1984, he has been employed with the Department of State as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Mr. Lilley graduated from Yale University (B.A., 1951) and George Washington University (M.A., 1972). Mr. Lilley served in the United States Army, 1946-1947, and in the United States Air Force, 1946-1947. He is married and has three children. Mr. Lilley was born January 15, 1928 in Tsingtao, China.

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